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1. Workshops of the Technical Agricultural Service (Technicznej Obslugi Rolnictwa) (TOR) are located about 150 meters from the railroad station in Komprachcice (Gumpertsdorf) on the Opole - Nysa rail line as well as in the vicinity of the military airfield at Nowa Wies Opolska.
2. The workshop at Komprachcice is one of the largest in Silesia; it makes general repairs on tractors. Zetor 25 tractors, 25 HP, from Czechoslovakia and Kadet 35 tractors, 35 HP, from the USSR are sent to Komprachcice for repair. As of April 1952 Stalinets 85 hp tractors were allegedly to arrive. Shipments arrive from Czechoslovakia almost every month; a shipment consists of 20 to 30 tractors. Some shipments of about 20 tractors each come from the USSR. Upon arrival the tractors are tested and then distributed to State Machine Centers located in other provinces. There are often as many as over 200 tractors in the yard of the TOR workshop.
3. The Komprachcice workshop consists of the following buildings:
 - a. Hall No. 1 - A brick building about 50 meters long and 15 meters wide; it is used for training tractor operators and managers of mechanical repair shops. In autumn 1951 about 500 men were enrolled in the course. Lectures for students are held on the first and part of the second floor; practical training is given in the appropriate hall (see below).
 - b. Hall No. 2 - A brick building about 15 meters wide and 50 meters long. Chassis are repaired on the first floor; the second and third floors contain the parts department.
 - c. Hall No. 3 - A building the same size as Hall No. 2. The ground floor is divided into two sections: in one, motors are checked; in the other, new parts for damaged tractors are made. The ground floor contains many machines, such as lathes, planing and grinding machines, etc. The offices of the shops are located on the second floor. Spare parts stores and the motor dismantling shop are also on the second floor.

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The entire third floor is used for the repair of motors.

- d. Hall No. 4 - A brick building 40 by 200 meters large. The whole building is taken up by the parts department.
 - e. Building No. 5 - Fuels, such as gasoline, rock oil, naphtha and greases, are stored here. The size of the storage areas could not be determined.
 - f. Building No. 6 - The forge.
4. The workshop area is connected with the rail line by a side-track on which a mobile crane is located. The crane is powerful; it was used by the Germans to load and unload tanks.
 5. In the autumn of 1951 the entire workshop complex was inspected by a military commission, and there were rumors among the workers that the workshops would be taken over by the Polish Army.
 6. The workshops are surrounded by a wire mesh fence and are guarded by an industrial guard.

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